

THE WEST BENGAL COUNCIL OF RABINDRA OPEN SCHOOLING

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পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রবীন্দ্র মুক্ত বিদ্যালয় সংসদ  
উচ্চমাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষা, ২০২৩

ইংরাজী  
(নূতন পাঠ্যক্রম)

English  
(New Syllabus)

সময় : ৩ ঘণ্টা ১৫ মিনিট  
Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes

পূর্ণমান : ৮০  
Full Marks : 80

পরীক্ষার্থীদের প্রতি সাধারণ নির্দেশ  
(General Instructions for the Examinees)

সকল পরীক্ষার্থীকে নিজের নাম, ক্রমিক নম্বর ও নিবন্ধন নম্বর উত্তরপত্রে লিখতে হবে।  
Candidates should write their Name, Roll No. and Registration No.  
in their respective answer scripts.

পরীক্ষার সময়ের প্রথম ১৫ মিনিট প্রশ্ন পড়ার জন্য।  
প্রশ্নের উত্তর যথাযথ হওয়া দরকার।

First 15 Minutes are allotted for reading the question paper.  
Answers should be in brief and to the point.

প্রতিটি উত্তরের প্রশ্নসংখ্যা খাতায় সঠিকভাবে লিখতে হবে।  
Write correct question no. against each answer.

পরিমিত ও যথাযথ উত্তরের জন্য বিশেষ মূল্য দেওয়া হবে।  
বানান ভুল, অপরিচ্ছন্নতা এবং অপরিষ্কার হস্তাক্ষরের ক্ষেত্রে নম্বর কাটা যাবে।  
প্রাস্তিক সংখ্যাগুলি প্রতিটি প্রশ্নের পূর্ণমান নির্দেশ করছে।

Special credit will be given for answers which are brief and to the point.  
Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes, untidiness and bad handwriting.  
In the right side, the marks of questions are given.

**Group–A**

1. Complete each of the following sentences, choosing the correct option from the alternatives provided: 1×4=4

(i) Deoli was a small station about \_\_\_\_\_ miles from Dehra.

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| (a) forty five miles | (b) twenty miles |
| (c) thirty miles     | (d) fifty miles  |

(ii) Abdur Rahman was the Emir of

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| (a) India | (b) Afghanistan |
| (c) Nepal | (d) Pakistan    |

(iii) Della's treasured possession was

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| (a) her hair        | (b) her dress  |
| (c) her rental flat | (d) her cheeks |

(iv) The date in which Margie had written about the night in her diary was

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| (a) 20 June, 2043 | (b) 19 May, 2057  |
| (c) 17 May, 2157  | (d) 14 June, 2257 |

2. Answer *any two* of the following questions in not more than 30 words: 3×2=6

(i) How was the relationship of Gandhiji with his students as depicted in 'The Mahatma as School Master'?

(ii) What did Della do after she realised, she had less money with her?

(iii) Where was Margie's school? Did she have any classmates?

(iv) How did Mini and Kabuliwala become friends?

3. Answer *any one* of the following questions in about 100 words: 5×1=5

(i) Why did Mini rush to peep out of the window? What was the joke that Mini and Kabuliwala shared about 'father-in-law'?

(ii) Why did Jim say their presents were "too nice to use just at present"? Who were the Magi?

(iii) Why did Margie hate school? Why did she think that the old kind of school must have been fun?

4. Complete each of the following sentences choosing the correct option from the alternatives provided: 1×4=4

- (i) The important characteristics of an infant is  
(a) mewling and puking in the nurse's arms (b) concentrating on the study table  
(c) engagement in the field for long (d) always sleeping
- (ii) The moonbeams in 'The Listeners' went down to the  
(a) crowded hall (b) empty hall  
(c) half-empty hall (d) semi-crowded hall
- (iii) The hide of the tree in the poem 'On Killing a Tree' is  
(a) red coloured (b) leprous  
(c) white coloured (d) green coloured
- (iv) The poet Wilfred Owen died in  
(a) 1934 (b) 1918  
(c) 1957 (d) 1904

5. Answer *any two* of the following questions each in not more than 30 words: 3×2=6

- (i) What does the poet mean by 'tireless striving' in the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'?
- (ii) How is the hide of the tree? What act is referred to in the line 'And then it is done' in the poem 'On Killing a Tree'?
- (iii) Why does the speaker stop by the woods? Do you think the speaker is happy standing in the woods, in the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'?

6. Answer *any one* of the following questions in about 100 words: 5×1=5

- (i) Why did the traveller leave the place? What was his message to the listeners inside the desolate house as is evident in 'The Listeners'?
- (ii) What is the poet's attitude towards war in the poem 'Futility'?
- (iii) What is the song of the Highland girl compared to and why?

7. Choose the correct alternatives from the options given below and complete each of the following sentences: 1×3=3

- (i) 'The Rising of the Moon' symbolises  
(a) Irish uprising against the British (b) Irish military uprising  
(c) Irish literary movement (d) love and betrayal

(ii) The quay was

(a) a busy place

(b) crowded

(c) lonely

(d) semi-crowded

(iii) The Sergeant wants that the Government/administration should bring a whole troop of police to stop the man like that because

(a) he is a wrestler

(b) he is very intelligent

(c) he is a dangerous type of man

(d) he is very polite

**8.** Answer *any two* of the following questions each in not more than 30 words: 2×2=4

(i) Why does the stranger stay with the Sergeant?

(ii) What does not the man want to share with the Sergeant?

(iii) What literary devices are used in ‘The Rising of the Moon’?

**9.** Answer *any one* of the following questions each in not more than 40 words: 3×1=3

(i) What is ironic about the scene with the Sergeant and the Ragged Man?

(ii) What is called Rising of the Moon? Why is the play called so?

### **Group–B**

**10.** Do as directed: 2×2=4

(i) The trainer said, “Why is everybody late today?” (*Change the narration*)

(ii) What a horrible experience! (*Change into assertive sentence*)

**11.** Join the following sentences into a single sentence: 2

Father had composed a long letter to the Headmaster. He put it in an envelope. The Headmaster works in Sukhoi H. S. School.

**12.** Split the following sentences: 2

The man whom I knew entered into the doctor’s chamber who was treating a patient then at 3 p.m.

- 13.** (i) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper telling about your reasons for supporting their campaign to stop car parking on an open playfield near your school. Mention how useful the park is for the children in the locality. (Word limit : 120 words) 5

*Or,*

- (ii) Write a letter to the Inspector-in-Charge of your local police station complaining about the loss of your mobile phone in the locality. Give details of the phone and the way in which it was lost.

- 14.** Write a précis of the following passage. Add a suitable title: 6

The test of a great book is whether we want to read it only once or more than once. Any really great book we want to read the second time even more than we wanted to read it the first time, and every additional time that we read it, we find new meanings and new beauties in it. A book that a person of education and good taste does not care to read more than once is very probably not worth much. But we cannot consider the judgement of a single individual infallible.

The opinion that makes a book great must be the opinion of many. For even the greatest critics are apt to have certain dullness, certain inappreciation. Carlyle, for example, could not endure Browning. Browning could not endure some of the greatest english poets. A man must be many-sided to utter a trustworthy estimate of many books. We may doubt the judgement of the single critic at a time. But there is no doubt possible in regard to the judgement of generations.

*Or,*

Write your idea about India. 6

- 15.** (i) Write a paragraph (in about 120 words) on the ‘Importance of Open Schooling’ in the recent time: 6

[Hints: Introduction — how flourished — merits and demerits to your opinion — employment potentiality — conclusion]

*Or,*

- (ii) Write a paragraph (in about 120 words) about the ‘Yoga in our daily life’: 6

[Hints: Introduction — importance of yogic education in regard to physical and mental well-being — scope and availability of Yoga in our country — conclusion]

*Or,*

- (iii) Write a paragraph (in about 120 words) about the sports person you like the most. 6  
(Hint: Name and the sports he or she attached with — achievements — records — influence on sports — why do you like the person.)

16. Write short note on *any one* of the following:

5×1=5

- (i) Shakespearean Era
- (ii) Pre-Raphaelite period

17. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below:

Alipurduar: For the first time since Independence, a three-bedded health unit was opened at the Buxa hills near the historical Buxa Fort of Alipurduar district on Saturday.

The unit will benefit around 3000 people who dwell in 13 hilly hamlets of Buxa, where they can receive primary treatment from now. The Buxa hill is located under the Kalchini Block of Alipurduar district, around 45 km from the district headquarters.

Previously, the residents living in these hamlets had to travel around 45 km to reach Latabari, the nearest block health centre or around 45 km to reach the district hospital in Alipurduar for treatment. On their way, they had to carry the patients in bamboo made stretchers for around 5 km by foot through the hilly terrains to reach the zero point from where the patient would travel in an ambulance or other vehicles.

On Saturday, Surendra Kumar Meena, the district magistrate of Alipurduar, trekked to the Buxa Fort area with other administrative officials and inaugurated the health unit. “The unit has become functional from today (Sunday). It will cater to 13 villages and will have an ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) and two ANMS (Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery). In due course, the unit will be upgraded to a health centre”, said Meena.

(A) Choose the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences:

1×2=2

- (i) The health unit will benefit only \_\_\_\_\_ people.

- (a) 3000
- (b) 30,000
- (c) around 3000
- (d) more than 3000

- (ii) The unit has become \_\_\_\_\_ from Sunday.

- (a) functional
- (b) non-functional
- (c) partially functional
- (d) partially non-functional

- (B) State whether the following statements are True or False. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False in the boxes given on the right hand side. Provide sentence(s)/phrases/word(s) from the passage in support of your answer: (1+1)×2=4

(i) The health unit will provide treatment to critical diseases.

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Supporting Sentence:

(ii) The Buxa Fort has great historical significance.

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Supporting Sentence:

- (C) Answer the following questions:

2×2=4

- (i) How will the residents of Buxa get help from the new health unit?
- (ii) What did the District Magistrate say about the future of this health unit?

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